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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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1. Application No.: 08/300,500

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The reply brief filed on 3/5/99 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

2. The after final amendment filed on 3/5/99 making claim 2 an independent claim has been entered.

3. Claims 2, 3 and 5 are allowable over the art of record.

4. The appealed claims are 1, 4, and 6-12.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffery A. Brier whose telephone number is (703) 305-4723. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Saras, can be reached on (703) 305-9720. The fax number is (703) 308-6606.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.

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